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The general aim of this bibliography is to present material for an understanding of The Gambia and its people, the effect of the river on economic conditions, the country's present economic and political states, the complications that exist even within a very small territory (due primarily to historical factors) and the problems to be faced in the future. What emerges from many of the studies is that technical skills and scientific knowledge alone will not provide immediate solutions to problems. One needs first to understand the people, their society, their needs and feelings.

An effort has been made to include the classic works on The Gambia, to provide both introductory and authoritative material on the various topics and to include items which are as up-to-date as possible. One finds, however, that in the case of publications from The Gambia there may often be a considerable time lag between the period covered in the report and the actual date of publication.

Many pieces of research are to be found only in thesis form as there is now a very limited market for books dealing with special topics in West Africa. Theses written in America are generally available through University Microfilms International and I have limited my selection to those which are both informative and readable. Also included are items in the *Gambian Studies* series, produced by the author, concentrating on linguistic and bibliographical materials. These can be xeroxed on demand. Copies are normally available in the National Library in The Gambia and in such libraries as those of the School of Oriental and African Studies and the Institute of Commonwealth Studies in London, but can be ordered through Blackwell North America, Inc., 6024 SW Jean Rd. Bldg. G, Lake Oswego, Oregon USA, 97034.

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